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Mr. Richard C. Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Mr. Helms:

I am writing on behalf of the Joint Economic Committee to convey to you our sincere appreciation for the valuable contribution made by the Central Intelligence Agency to the staff study "Soviet Economic Performance: 1966-67," published by the Committee on June 9, 1968.

As you undoubtedly know, the several submissions of descriptive commentary and statistical material on selected sectors of the economy of the USSR and Eastern Europe, contributed by economic experts on your staff, have provided the main structural elements of the present study.

We on the Committee feel quite certain that this new compendium will prove most useful to the Congress in Washington and to interested scholars around the country as a source of timely and pertinent information on the state of economic affairs in the USSR as a basis for a better understanding of Soviet domestic and international policies.

Sincerely yours,



Hale Boggs
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